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SUBJECT: SSOD: GENERAL DEBATE SUMMARY, MAY 29, 1978;
STATEMENTS BY MALTA, PAKISTAN, BULGARIA, DENMARK, AND
ICELAND.

1. SUMMARY: DURING GENERAL DEBATE, MAY 29, OPENING
STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE DELEGATIONS OF MALTA, PAKISTAN,
BULGARIA, THE PRC, DENMARK AND ICELAND. SUMMARY OF PRC AND
PAKISTANI STATEMENTS CONTAINED SEPTELS; SALIENT POINTS
OF OTHER MAY 29 STATEMENTS FOLLOW BELOW. END SUMMARY

2. MALTA -- MALTESE REP (GAUCI) FOCUSSED MOST OF HIS
GENERAL REMARKS ON PROMOTING SUPPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF
FUNDS EXPENDED FOR ARMAMENTS TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SUPPORTED CREATION
OF AN EXPERTS GROUP UNDER UN AUSPICES TO STUDY THE RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. TURNING TO AN
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ISSUE OF MORE IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE TO MALTA, GAUCI CALLED FOR
CREATION OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REE
OF OUTSIDERS" SKING OTHERS TO TAKE ACTIONS TO AVOID
CONFRONTATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND URGED RESTRAINT
IN THE AREA FROM THE SUPERPOWERS.

3. BULGARIA -- BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV MADE A

STATEMENT OF WHICH THE MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BULGARIA HAD RATIFIED THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION ON MAY 25, 1978. MLADENOV ECHOED THE ADDITIONAL SOVIET LINE ON DISARMAMENT, DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE TIME TO PROMOTING SOVIET INITIATIVES AND PROPAGANDA CHARGING THE WEST WITH "TRYING TO BRING BACK THE WORLD TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE COLD WAR YEARS". OF GREATER INTEREST, HOWEVER, WERE HIS BRIEF REMARKS ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON (ERW), WHICH SEEM TO INDICATE AN EASING OF SOVIET INSPIRED PROPAGANDISTIC ATTACK AGAINST THE ERW. HE NOTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS POSTPONING THE DECISION TO START PRODUCTION AS "POSITIVE" AND "ENCOURAGING" AND STATED THAT THE SOCIALIST DRAFT CONVERSATION PROHIBITING THE "NEUTRON WEAPON" PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE THREAT OF THE ERW.

4. ICELAND -- PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND, GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, GAVE A GENERAL SPEECH OF SUPPORT FOR THE SSOD STATING HE WISHED TO STRESS POINT THAT "IT HAS LONG BEEN EVIDENT THAT REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES WILL ONLY BE MADE WITH THE GLOBAL PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES." ELIMINATION OF SOURCES OF TENSION AND CONFLICT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND OPENING ALL FRONTIERS TO MAKE RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE CLOSER, HE OBSERVED. ICELAND HAS BEEN A PARTY TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATED WITHIN UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS. HOWEVER, THESE AGREEMENTS NEED TO BE EXPANDED AND "THE AIM SHOULD BE THE ELIMINATION ALTOGETHER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AS WELL AS THE CURTAILMENT OF THE CONVENTIONAL ASSISTANCE. MILITARY EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE REDUCED GLOBALLY, NOT ONLY BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES BUT "EVEN MORE SO IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHOSE ARMS BUYING HAS INCREASED STEEPLY IN THE NINETEEN SEVENTIES". MONEY SAVED SHOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT AID. IN CONCLUSION, HE STATED, "LET US TURN TO THESE IMMEDIATE AND URGENT TASKS: DECREASE ARMAMENTS AND EXPAND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GLOBALLY". TO ACHIEVE THIS, "DISTRUST AND SUSPICION MUST BE ELIMINATED AND SECURITY AND STABILITY HAS TO BE MAINTAINED."

5. PRIME MINISTER OF DENMARK, ANKER JORGENSEN, POINTED OUT THAT THE ARMS RACE GOES TO THE HEART OF ALL CURRENT PROBLEMS INCLUDING THE BALANCE OF POWER, NUCLEAR ENERGY, RELATIONS BETWEEN ALLIANCES AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HE FEARED THAT "POLICY IS LOSING THE RACE WITH TECHNOLOGY" WHICH IT CAN WIN ONLY IF GAINING CONTROL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH. THE MOST URGENT RISK IS NUCLEAR

WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. ALL NATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT A SHARP DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE BETWEEN PEACEFUL AND MILITARY USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE STRESSED NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AS WELL AS BANNING OF CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL ARMS. REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT ON A NEED FOR BALANCE IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IN EUROPE CONTAINED IN THE SPEECH BY FRENCH PRESIDENT,

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JORGENSEN STATED "WE HAVE NOTED WITH GREAT INTEREST THE FRENCH INITIATIVE FOR DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM - THE CALLING OF A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE - AND SHALL STUDY IT CAREFULLY". HE STATED THAT "REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, "A MAJOR FACTOR FOR US IS THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING FRANCE AND THE PRC INTO INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS". THE PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP, PERHAPS BY AGREED GOALS IN THE DISARMAMENT SPHERE WHICH ARE REASSESSED AND UP-DATED FROM TIME TO TIME. REMARKING THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IN ALL CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC PROPOSALS, HE OBSERVED THAT "DANISH EXPERTS AND DANISH INSTALLATIONS IN GREENLAND, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC SYSTEM THEREBY HELPING

TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION OF A CTB". IN
SUPPORTING THE NORDIC PROPOSAL FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, HE
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NOTED THAT THERE WAS "A CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN INTER-
NATIONAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE WORLDWIDE CONSUMPTION FOR
MILITARY PURPOSES AND OUR COMMITMENT TO A NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". YOUNG

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